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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6003  
Order No. R-5509

APPLICATION OF AZTEC OIL & GAS COMPANY  
FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,  
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 3, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 9th day of August, 1977, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Aztec Oil & Gas Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Arizona Jicarilla B Well No. 8 at least 790 feet from the North line and at least 790 feet from the West line, but no closer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section line, of Section 9, Township 26 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Blanco Mesaverde Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

(3) That the W/2 of said Section 9 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.

(5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

(6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the subject pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the Mesaverde formation is hereby approved for the Aztec Oil & Gas Company Arizona Jicarilla B Well No. 8 to be located at a point at least 790 feet from the North line and at least 790 feet from the West line, but no nearer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section line, of Section 9, Township 26 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Blanco Mesaverde Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

(2) That the W/2 of said Section 9 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.

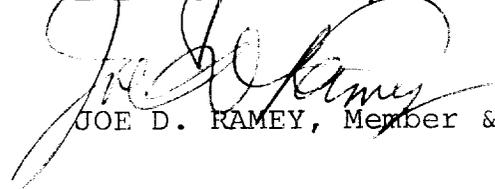
(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

  
EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member

  
JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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